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In re application of:

Cech et al.

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Examiner: Toni R. Scheiner, Esq.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein.

The following documents are enclosed herein:

- Exhibit A
- Postcard

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows: